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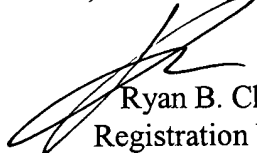
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08 that accompanies the IDS, marked to indicate that the references listed therein have been considered by the Office.

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions concerning this Request.

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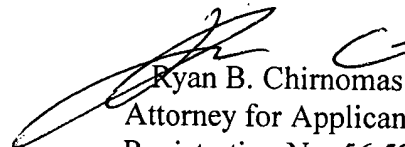
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